

ABSTRACT

1 A dispenser for dispensing the length of tape ready for
2 application on a package, the dispenser including a
3 frame, a feed mechanism, a cutting mechanism, and an
4 applicator. The frame has a storage area for storing
5 tape therein. The feed mechanism is connected to the
6 frame for feeding tape from the storage area. The
7 cutting mechanism is connected to the frame for cutting
8 the length of tape dispensed from the dispenser. The
9 applicator is connected to the frame and adapted for
10 applying an additional element to the tape when the
11 length of tape is dispensed. The application of the
12 additional element to the tape provides the length of
13 tape with a predetermined characteristic. The additional
14 element applied by the applicator is selected from a
15 number of different additional elements. Each
16 additional element has a different predetermined
17 characteristic so that when applied to the tape, each of
18 the different additional elements provides the length of
19 tape with a different corresponding predetermined
20 characteristic.